

## Hero saves swimmer's life

by John E. Musser  
It is not very often that we find a hero at class with us. But after an episode at Wheeler Recreation Center last week, it seems hard to deny that this is exactly what we have at UB. A quick-thinking and benevolent action by Matthew Donohue appears to have saved the life of a fellow student.

Last Friday, Undrabattar Sharaa's life was in grave danger after descending to the bottom of the swimming pool at Wheeler.

In what was apparently a swimming lesson gone wrong, Sharaa lost consciousness and could not keep himself from falling to the bottom of the pool. Fortunately, several students and staff members at the facility and emergency technicians were able to help him in what could have been the last minutes of his life.

Immediately after Sharaa was found unable to maintain himself, Alex Ginzberg the lifeguard on duty, jumped into the swimming pool to help. After having a little trouble pulling the victim to the surface, Matthew Donohue, a student exercising in another area of the Recreation Center, raced towards the scene to help. Mr. Donohue plunged into the pool fully clothed.

Mr. Donohue was able to tow Sharaa to the surface of the pool, where others on the side could help lift him out and administer first aid.

Within minutes, Campus

Security was on the scene to assist, as was the fire department and paramedics.

In fact, the fire department was called at 18:41.14, and arrived at the scene at

*"He's absolutely a hero!"*

*--Jim Mooney,  
Campus Security*

18:43.50, a time span of just less than three minutes.

Still unconscious, but breathing, Sharaa was taken by an ambulance to the hospital, where he remained until Sunday.

The investigation is still open with Campus Security, but according to Jim Mooney, the Director of Campus Security, there "is no indication of foul play." While many people were involved in the rescue last Friday, Mr. Mooney showed specific commendation for Mr. Donohue, declaring that he is "absolutely a hero."

Donohue modestly did not look for attention or praise for his accomplishment, but was rather disinterested in publicizing what may be one of the most heroic feats that a person can do in life. Mr. Mooney is now looking in to giving Donohue some sort of public commendation for what is an obvious act of heroism.

## Chemical spill locks out Barnum residents

by Geetha Tharmaratnam  
On Tuesday November 16, a chemical was spilled when Leo Garcia, an outside contractor that does cleaning for UB, carried a container into Barnum Hall. Fumes overcame him when he was in room 3 in Bruel Hall, a storage room where there was more of the chemical, and was taken to the hospital. He was later released that day said April De Palmer of Campus Security.

Femi Arai, Residence Director of Barnum Hall said, "I think Security called the Fire Department." The residents of Barnum were evacuated at approximately 11:30am, and were removed to other dorms for the night. Bruel and Renell Halls were also evacuated until further notice.

The environmental protection agency Earth Technology as well as Payne Environmental were on the scene to test the unknown chemical.

Later, "it was discovered



Earth Technology and Payne Environmental tested the chemical and discovered it was MEK

that the chemical was Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK), an industrial solvent, a de-greaser" said Ms. De Palmer.

It is still unknown why the chemicals were being transported from Bruel Hall to Barnum Hall. David Oestreicher speculated that the man had been told to move the substances to "the Barn, but he mistook it for Barnum." The Barn is the Carriage House

behind the Student Center.

The room in Bruel Hall was storing the MEK "as well as old photo solvents and paint thinners as that was a spray painting room" said Mr. Loehn.

Officer Henry Brown was on duty and told The Scribe, "They removed what he brought in to the front steps. Until the fire department found out what the chemical was, the building was evacuated."

Soon after 2:00pm, "We found out that it was a highly toxic cleaning solvent." He said that when the fire department was called in, "they said that the building should be evacuated as the fumes were very strong." He added that, "Security was on top of the situation all the way. There was never a danger to the students, but we had to ensure their safety."

The person who was carrying the chemicals was apparently not aware of what the



Campus Security supervisor Richard Loehn moved the chemicals outside immediately at his own risk

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The under-belly of the stairwell in Seeley hall is filled with trash and has been vandalized

by Geetha Tharmaratnam  
The Residential Hall Association and the Student

November 5. Among the issues brought up were the unavailability of screens and paper products, toilet paper

and paper towels in Barnum Hall, showers and toilets not properly cleaned and disinfected in Bodine Hall, and the storage area on the first floor of Seeley Hall that seem to be a health hazard because of accumulated garbage.



David O. promises to immediately replace the stove in Barnum without the bricks in the oven

accumulated  
"This issue

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## Are you safe in there?

by Amit Verma

In the second to last edition of The Scribe, it was mentioned that the use of computers in labs might not be safe, as you may expose your credit card information and other personal details while filling in a form, or doing any other credit card transaction.

Well here you are now, sitting in your room, thinking that it is absolutely safe to work on your computer. Well, surprise! You are as exposed using your own computer as you are while using any machine in the lab. If you are working on a Windows 95/98 machine, you could be, without knowing, revealing information including your passwords to your accounts, and bank pins to your credit card information.

Your computer is an open book to the hacker. The only information he needs is your IP address while you are online. Finding an IP is very simple. If you have ICQ on your computer and you are on that person's ICQ list then he can find it out from in there. Say, if you are in Bodine it's pretty simple I can ping all the IP's starting 216.87.103. \* and all the computers that have that program in them would show up for me to use.

Most people are aware of this program, but don't know what it really is. Even a few Microsoft Certified professionals are unaware of the use of this program. There are many programs, which you can use for this purpose; the one that I have been using is called Back Orifice. This is how this crack works.

I need to customize an exe file in that program for it to open a socket in

the computer on which I can send and receive packets. Say I open socket 3693 and give it a password so that only I can open that socket and no one else. That program could be sent to you via an email, ICQ file or someone can simply run it on your machine from a diskette. Once that program is run onto your machine the file will disappear and you would never be able to find that file again.

If you have anti-virus software such as McAfee or Norton, they will catch the file as soon as you run it, but what you can do is exclude that file so that McAfee doesn't show the message again. Once that file is run on your machine you are exposed to the person who customized that program.

That person from now on can make changes to your computer. He/She can start a key log file, which would start taking log of what all you do on your machine and store it at the desired location of the hacker. The hacker can then look at that file later and if you entered any credit card site or bank site or any personal web page you have shared the information with the hacker.

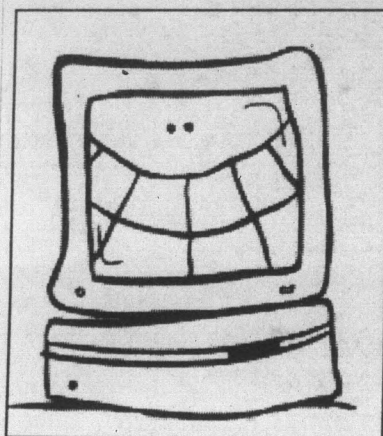
This way this program can prove dangerous to you, so just be careful before you download any file or any attachments. The best thing to do would be to install anti-virus on your machine. And don't disable it thinking that your system would run faster, it might prove useful to you. This program is a clear crack into the 95/98 systems.

## Tracking Technology Trends

### Windows 2000

by Tom Filepp

Y up, it's still in 'beta'. But to a certain degree, it actually works. Windows 2000 may be one of the only Microsoft products that actually does what it's meant to do. Though sometimes the



operating system was a bit buggy, I haven't crashed once in the three weeks that Win2k has been running on my system. Even when my machine has run for five or six days straight, without rebooting, I haven't had much of a problem. I'm currently using the latest release of the software, build 2176, which is even better than the original copy which I've installed (Release Candidate One). Win2k has all the bells and whistles of NT, with a few twists. I love the stability! One thing that I am actually waiting for, however, is for Microsoft to implement support for all the games that I play. I tried to run my favourite pastime, Redline, or the occasional excursion of Quake II but I guess I'll have to wait for Release Candidate Three.

Aren't you tired of paying for all

those outrageous long distance charges? Fourteen cents a minute just doesn't seem to tickle your pickle? There might be an easy alternative for you. Enter Internet Telephony. Essentially, Internet Telephony is the transmission of voice over the 'net, at the basic rate of your local phone call (to your ISP). It's quite simple and cheap to make both long-distance and international calls at near to nothing.

The basic necessities are the following: Internet Telephony software (depending on the service that you use), a 133Mhz Pentium with a full-duplex sound card (a sound card which can send and receive sound at the same time), a microphone or headset, speakers, and at least a 28.8kb/s modem. The majority of software works with either Windows 95 or 98/NT, with at least 32MB of RAM. A small amount of hard drive space (usually around 10-15MB) may also be needed to install it.

A few sites that software and services can be obtained from are the following: [www.firetalk.com], [www.mediaring.com], and [www.zero-plus.com]. For these sites both you and the party which you are calling must be online at the same time. You must also be using the same telephony software to connect. Another good site to visit is [www.dialpad.com]. Dialpad uses Java via a browser window to let you call individuals without even downloading any software. The good thing about Dialpad is that you can actually call physical lines. You just enter the phone number you wish to call, and depending on network traffic, you can connect with someone for free, with a decent sounding connection.

## The Vital Fuse

~Vis Medicatrix Naturae~

by M.L.Davis

"Ka Ching," an apothecary cash register, announced the sale of Halloween candy corns to Mr. and Mrs. Green. Mr. Green looked ill to pharmacist, Ed ElAnya, prompting him to say, "Gee, Mr. Green you sure look out of sorts today." Ed ElAnya had a keen sensibility for detecting what sorts of ailments his customers brought with them to his place of business. Mrs. Green tugged at her husband's arm, asking him to tell the pharmacist of his stomach acid and about being too tired to wake up in the morning. The pharmacist smirked with satisfaction, then he disappeared into his maze of cabinets and drawers, busying himself with seeds, barks, tinctures, and herbs. While Mr. and Mrs. Green waited for their bag of remedies, in walked Mrs. White, with her tiny poodle, all dolled up. Mrs. Green and Mrs. White exchanged the salutary nods of strangers. Mr. Green had smelled Mrs. White long before she even came through the pharmacy door. He grunted something to himself and coughed a deep productive cough, which materialized something which he didn't want to swallow.

"I'll be right with you, Ma'am," pharmacist ElAnya said as he emerged from his medicines and handed Mr. Green a fresh tissue. The Greens took

their paper sack with a variety of teas and other remedies that Ed ElAnya had just lovingly gathered together. Mrs. White cleared her throat in spurts, impatiently, sounding like some sort of injured fowl.

"Ka Ching," the apothecary cash register announced. Mrs. White produced three neatly folded together prescriptions out of a purse. As the Greens turned, Ed reminded Mr. Green not to eat any sugar or processed foods if he expected to get any better. Mr. Green nodded knowingly. He knew that his friend was wise and many a cure had been straight from his hands.

The Greens left Ed's pharmacy, but not without catching a foul smirk on Mrs. White's face. The Greens knew the look. It was the look of disgust, or sometimes the look of utter confusion, that the Greens got from people with preconceptions or just plain ignorance about the natural medicine that they practiced. These moments never weighed too heavy on the happy old couple. Their health was good and for that they had their natural medicine to thank, as well as Ed ElAnya.

Mrs. White produced a credit card and the pharmacist began filling her prescriptions. He went to the shelves and duly counted out four weeks' worth of Mrs. White's life, like pennies, into plastic tamper-resistant bot-

tles. The Greens were gone and Mrs. White had the pharmacist all to herself. For a moment, Mrs. White thought that she had died and gone to heaven. She took a Diet Coke from the cooler and drank from it hastily. As soon as her prescriptions appeared in front of her, Mrs. White opened one bottle after another, letting Fifi fall to the ground in her haste. Mrs. White took big gulps of Diet Coke to wash her pills down her throat. Ed ElAnya punched some numbers, tucked Mrs. White's credit card record under a stack of other slips, just like it, in the big brass drawer, and watched Mrs. White leave.

Ed felt sure that the next time that Mr. Green came in, he would be back to his old self again. As for Mrs. White, Ed was not so sure. Ed's keen senses told him that Mrs. White might stop being a customer soon. He knew this deep down inside, but did not take the time to share this with Mrs. White, because she would not have listened. To Ed, the prescription in hand was like a marker for already established disease that was beyond his control. He had given up long ago trying to offer alternatives to customers with scribbled names of drugs on white prescription pads. Mrs. White and the Greens were two different breeds of customer passing by each other on completely different trains.

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## Career fair succeeds with 58 employers

by Arman Gevorgyan  
On November 10, the University had its first Career Fair of the academic year. The fair took place from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the John J. Cox Student Center.

The event attracted over 600 students and alumni, as well as 58 employers.

The fair has turned out to be a success, as it drew a record number of participants and employers for the past five years. "We are very, very pleased with the number of companies [that came]," commented Lynnette Wood, director of the Career Services at the University.

Ms. Wood attributed the high attendance to the extensive promotion of the fair. "We e-mailed students extensively, and the faculty helped us contact students. We also invited students from other colleges and made our Career Fair known on the Internet. We let UB Alum's know they were invited by advertising in the Connecticut Post," said Ms. Wood.

Several hirings actually took place during the fair. One of the employers, a financial institution, filled its quota of hires. "They were surprised and delighted," commented Ms. Wood on the situation.

Employers in general made very favorable comments



Several companies from Wall Street as well as from the local area attended

about the fair. "Great job - staff and students," wrote a recruiter from Unilever Corp., a Fortune 500 corporation. "I ran out of literature," commented a representative from a MetLife, insurance and financial services giant.

"This has been the most successful job fair that I have participated in," observed a recruiter from First Investors Corp., a Wall Street corporation.

were less interested in freshmen and sophomores.

Ms. Wood explained to The Scribe that in no career fair are all majors represented equally. She stressed that all efforts were made for a fair distribution of the majors.

As far as the high interest for seniors from the recruiters is concerned, it is only natural.

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Most students were also pleased with the fair. Socrates Phillipou, a business major, commented, "The fair was well organized and attended. I think that this is a great opportunity for UB students and employers to talk to each other."

Some students, however, complained that their majors were underrepresented.

Others said that the majority of the companies targeted seniors and

## Search for a new president

by Christian Salvatori  
The school's current President, Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, is set to become a full-time faculty member as of December 31st 1999.

As the University's eighth president, he has served for almost five full years. Left with the daunting task of replenishing the school with a new president, is the firm of R.H. Perry & Associates (RHPA), an experienced executive search firm based in Washington, D.C. Dr. Allen E. Koenig, an RHPA senior consultant, helped the school begin the search process since August 23rd and 24th. Since then, he has held numerous meetings with faculty, senior administrators, trustees, administrative staff, alumni, student leaders and community/legislative leaders.

The firm began the actual national search this Fall and began screening potential candidates on October 20th. This process will continue until the positions filled. Don't for one second think that this is an overnight task.

The firm has a databank with thousands of names and on September 27th, 501 letters were sent to presidents, chancellors, and other persons at selected institutions inviting nominations for the position of

president.

Within a week, there were already 14 inquiries, 5 nominations, 6 preliminary applications and 1 completed application. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Neil A. Salonen, is also the chair of the Search Committee for President.

Also serving on this Committee of nine include four other members of the Board of Trustees, two faculty members elected by the Faculty Council, and two appointed members from the University administration. Their first meeting was held on September 2nd. At that time, they reviewed the Executive Search Profile, which was then presented and adopted by the Board of Trustees the following day.

The Executive Search Profile is a seven page document that was presented to potential candidates. It includes a brief history of the University and its background, the major challenges of the new president, the required qualifications for the future president, and some key statistics about the school. The Profile is available in the Circulation Department of the Library for students' perusal.

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## Speakers on Campus

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substance was. Mr. Oestreicher said that the boxes were not marked identifying the substances.

The original announcement to students was made at 12:30pm in Marina Dining Hall that Barnum was evacuated and that there was a possibility that it might be closed for the night. Students were not pleased about it as many had left the dorm hurriedly thinking it was just a random fire alarm.

By 5:30pm, Mr. Oestreicher and his staff as well as RHA members were circulating around Marina with room assignments for all the displaced Barnum residents. The residents were moved to Seeley, Warner and Bodine halls.

The dorm was still not open by 12:00pm, the estimated time of opening, by Wednesday November 17. This was because of the 8-hour air test that Payne Environmental conducted to ensure safety. Bruel and Renell Halls remained closed.

According to Mr. Loehn, nobody else but Mr. Garcia was affected by the spill. "He must have been in confinement in that little room for quite a while cleaning up other stuff in the room, and it must have caught up with him."

Students were anxiously awaiting the reopening of the dorm in order to access clean clothes and their books. Other than that, life went on as normal considering over a hundred students could not go home.

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al and to be expected, said Ms. Wood. There were several internship opportunities for non-seniors as well, she commented.

While the fair was a great success, there were some glitches. Some employers observed that students should have dressed better in order to make a good first impression.

Another employer mentioned that some students were quiet and disinterested. While quietness might be attributed to shyness or cultural differences for international students, it is an area for improvement for the next career fair.

All employers were charged \$200 to participate in the fair. While she did not have a specific figure yet, Ms. Wood said that the revenue from the employers not only covered the expenses pertinent to the fair, but also is expected to provide net profit.

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## Doc Rock goes up north

by Shisir Khanal

University faculty and students observed a slide presentation on November 3. The presentation was based on the trip of Dr. John Nicholas, commonly known as "Doc Rock." The slide show was titled "Spitsbergen: Land of the Ice Bear"

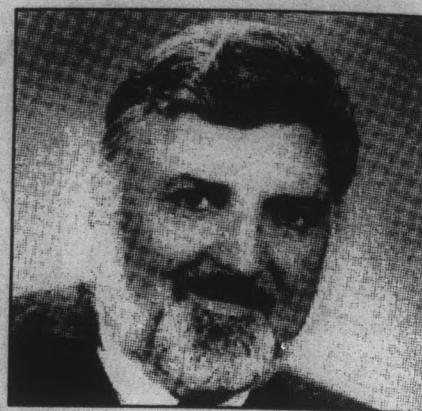
Spitsbergen, which is officially known as Svalbard, is the northernmost community in the world. Svalbard means "cold coast" in Norwegian, coming from words "Sval," or "cool", and "bard," or "edge."

Svalbard consists of many islands and islets. The archipelago has a total area of 62,700 square kilometers (about the size of West Virginia), two-third of which is covered by glaciers. The largest island is Spitsbergen which is about 600 miles south of the North Pole.

The island has a population of 3,500; most of the island's inhabitants are of Norwegian and Russian descent. The largest town, Longyearbyen, has about 1,500 people and boasts a post office, small theater and school. There are about 142 students in the schools in

Svalbard region. It is the most isolated place of the world, with hundreds of miles from the land. The average temperature is 50C in February and about 41C.

The first polar expeditions reached Svalbard in 1821. It was the mineral resources that drew early Dutch settlers. A permanent mining settlement was established in 1906, and currently three mining settlements operate. Svalbard is famous for its polar bears and mid-night sun.



Professor Nicholas visited the Svalbard archipelago

Midnight sun can be observed between April 20 to August 23.

Doc Rock's expedition began in Mid-August on the vessel "Explorer," with 42 passengers and 77 crewmembers. The slides of the spectacular ancient metamorphic rocks began the presentation, which followed with images of fjords. Fjords are valleys that have been grounded when the sea level rose due to the melting of glaciers. Ins and outs of the fjords prolong the Norwegian coast to 10,000 miles.

Polar bears were a major attraction of the presentation. About 4,000 polar bears inhabit Svalbard region. That figure makes up about 15% of the total polar bear population in the world. The largest polar bear is about 11 feet long, 5 feet high and up to 12 feet while standing.

Polar bears can swim up to 50 miles per day and can dive up to 20 feet deep, which helps in catching seals, their main prey.

## Asthma and it's effects

by John E. Musser

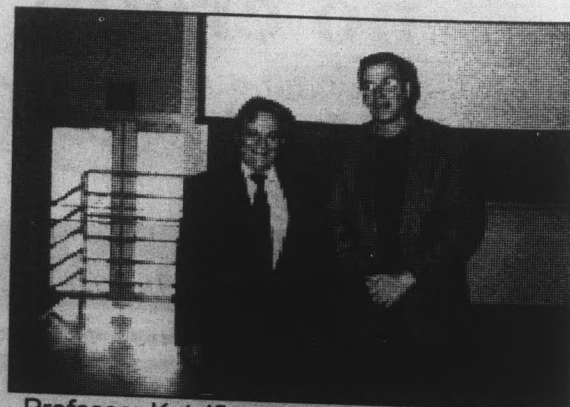
On October 27, the students and faculty of the University had an opportunity to hear from Dr. George Thurston of New York University, one of this nation's most prominent researchers on the human health effects of air pollution.

The event was organized by the University's Biology Society (Science Needs of America), under the supervision of advisor Dr. Spiros Katsifis. Dr. Katsifis received his Ph.D. from New York University (NYU), so he was able to find top professionals to come and speak at UB. About forty people attended the talk, which was titled "Asthma and Air Pollution." While most of the people in attendance were biology students and professors, the lesson was informative to anybody interested in air quality and its effects on health.

During the lecture, Dr. Thurston detailed the research, including some of his own, that relates incidences of asthma with air pollution. He was especially concerned with the release of sulfur, which he would like to see removed from gasoline, and secondary pollutants (pollutants that are not dis-

charged directly, but form from the reactions of primary pollutants in the atmosphere).

Dr. Thurston is an Associate Professor at the NYU School of Medicine,



Professor Katsifis and Dr. George Thurston attended New York University together

Department of Environmental Medicine. He is widely respected for the epidemiological studies that he has performed. In 1997, Dr. Thurston testified before both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives during deliberations on air quality regulations in the U.S. He has also served on the National Academy of Science's Committee on the Health Effects of Incineration, and contributes as an advisor to the State of New York on air quality concerns.

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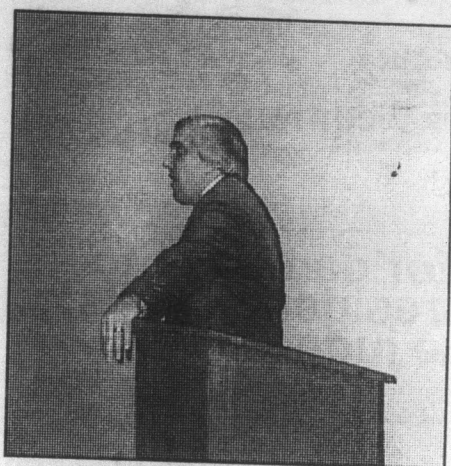
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## Yale skeptic refutes ESP

by Geetha Tharmaratnam  
On Thursday, November 11, SCUBA hosted guest speaker Steven Novella, M.D., who explored the idea of Extra Sensory Perception (ESP) from the viewpoint of a skeptic. Dr. Novella is a neurologist at Yale Med-



Dr. Novella believes that ESP cannot exist under natural law

ical Center and is also the president of the New England Skeptical Society.

Dr. Novella discussed the multibillion-dollar psychic hotline industry that currently exists in the United States, as well as documented cases of psychic inability around the world. He classified ESP as practices such as mind reading, clairvoyance, remote viewing, personal readings, and telekinesis.

A main point of the lecture was the practice of cold reading, which is a technique of mental illusion, as opposed to the physical allusion that most magicians engage in. Dr. Novella expressed his belief that this is how psychics manage to convince people.

Thrown into that mix are the psychological factors. "People need to believe," Dr. Novella said. Also, humans apparently have the tendency to see patterns. "Our brains work at recognizing patterns," he said. The last of the psychological factors Dr. Novella explained was that "People have the tendency to extrapolate from the general to the specific." That is how as a psychics can make general guess and then the clients are amazed by their insight, as it is true.

Dr. Novella also said that as the psychics ask a lot of questions of the client, and then follow what they believe is true given the body language and answers of the client. This method of hit-and-miss, following the hits and ignoring the misses have got many believing the power of ESP.

An example that was given was that of James Von Prague, the reader who apparently talks to the dead. "He uses cold reading techniques blatantly. In a typical half-hour session, he'll ask hundreds of questions. He'll get two or

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## Core curriculum in revision

by John E. Musser  
Beginning next semester, "Professor Stephen Healey will chair the Core Commission at the University of Bridgeport," according to a letter from Provost Michael Grant. Dr. Healey is currently an Assistant Professor in the College of Nations. He will replace Professor Hans van der Geissen, who became the director of the newly formed College of Nations last Spring. The change in directors comes during a transition period for the core curriculum, as many changes concerning substitution classes will be made in the coming semesters.

During the past few years, there have been many problems with the core curriculum. Besides the problem that students generally dislike the curriculum classes, the difficulties of overcrowding and timing rigidity have forced Professor van der Geissen to open substitute courses that students could use in place of core classes.

Growing wise to this, students have started to hold off on registration until classes begin to fill and the substitutions are made available. In this way, students can replace the courses such as "Humanities," which are considered dull by many students, with more exciting alternatives, such as "Ethics." Although these substitutions pose problems with the registration process, professor van der Geissen notes that students not stupid. The current direc-

tion of the Core Commission is to establish a permanent set of alternatives to core courses. That way, students will not have to wait for the list of substitutions each semester; rather, they will be able to plan ahead by knowing exactly which classes they can take. Professor Healey is a strong proponent of this plan, as he feels that it would both benefit students and would be enjoyable for them.

A permanent menu will probably not be available until registration for Fall 2000, but several changes are already in effect for this week's registration.

What will probably happen in future semesters is that students will be required to take three hours of the Humanities courses, 201A or 201B. After that, they will be allowed to select three more hours from a list of approved Humanities classes to fulfill their requirements. A similar procedure will probably be instated for the Social Sciences, as the "social science faculty is in the process of developing courses" for the new system, according to Dr. Healey.

Several other courses are also being re-evaluated, and new courses are being developed. For example, the Mass Communications department may replace "Media Aesthetics"

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## Student Congress Update

The Student Congress and Office of Student Programming held its inaugural Student Organization Advisor Workshop on Thursday, November 4, 1999. The Workshop was a success, as over twenty advisors showed up for a dialogue luncheon on the responsibilities of club advisors. A special thank-you to Director of Student Programming Edina Oestreicher and Speaker of the House Kristin Schumann for their work in organizing the Workshop.

*The Student Congress has stereo equipment available for use by any registered student organization. Technology and Equipment reservation forms are available outside the Office for Student Programming. These forms should be filled out and returned to the envelope outside the Student Congress Office at least ten (10) days before an event. For more information, contact Chief Technical Officer Puneet Batra at x2192*

ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED AND RECEIVED FUNDING FOR EVENTS MUST RETURN RECEIPTS, ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MONIES SPENT, TO THE STUDENT CONGRESS. THESE RECEIPTS SHOULD BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS AFTER THE EVENT HAS BEEN HELD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER LAFIR THASSIM AT x2115.

The Financial Committee has currently appropriated \$17,700 this semester for student activities. All registered student organizations are entitled to consideration for Student Congress funding. For more information, contact Chief Financial Officer Lafir Thassim.

## New Course Offering Student Personnel Services

*The Division of Counseling and Human Resources is offering a specialty in College Student Personnel in the Master's of Counseling program. This program prepares individuals to work in a variety of student personnel and student services positions within institutes of higher education. Graduates can work in a community colleges, universities or private technical schools in a variety of positions to include offices of: admissions, registrar, international students, recreation, Greek organizations, career planning and placement, residence halls, financial aid, university administration, athletics and general student services. Along with general course work, students will have the opportunity to complete internships right on the UB campus in a variety of student personnel offices.*

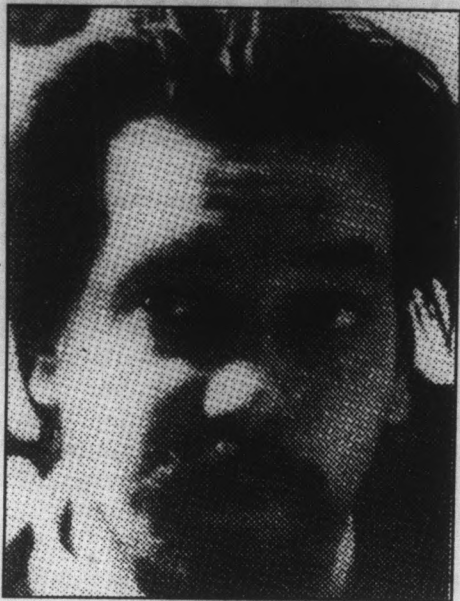
*Seniors are welcome to enroll for credits.*

**Call Prof. Larry Burlew at x.4172,  
through e-mail  
(iburlew@bridgeport.edu), or visit him  
in his office at 131, Carlson Hall.**



## Opinions

## Guess who?



This man is an "old-fashioned love poet"  
Know him? Call The Scribe at 4382

From deep within the bowels of the Scribe Archives, we dug out last week's photograph. At first we thought it was Sylvester Stallone, but there is a rumor going around that it's Professor Ganev!

Scribe meeting  
tonight!  
8:30pm

Student Center,  
Rm 228

All are welcome

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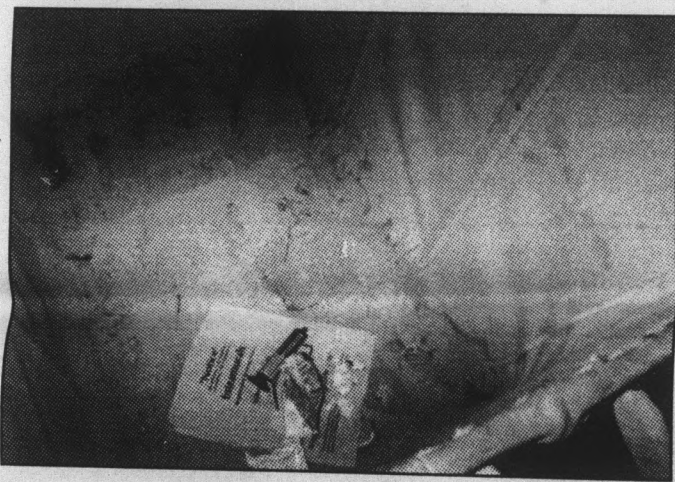
## Living in filth

The problems students have been facing with Residential Life and life in dorms in general are something that have been going on for as long as dorms have existed. The only thing is in the good old days, there were plenty of fig trees around for use and they were well maintained. The report about the state

of residential life is shocking to say the least. After looking at the report and the pictures, we were all had one thing to say, "We live like that?!"

Therein may lie the problem: Have we become used to the lack of hygienic surroundings to the point where we have been desensitized to such disgusting as filth under the stairwells and bricks in ovens? The bricks in the Barnum oven have been there for at least two years. How many people know that? How many people care?

Living in a communal surrounding, one soon learns to adapt to conditions that one would not face living



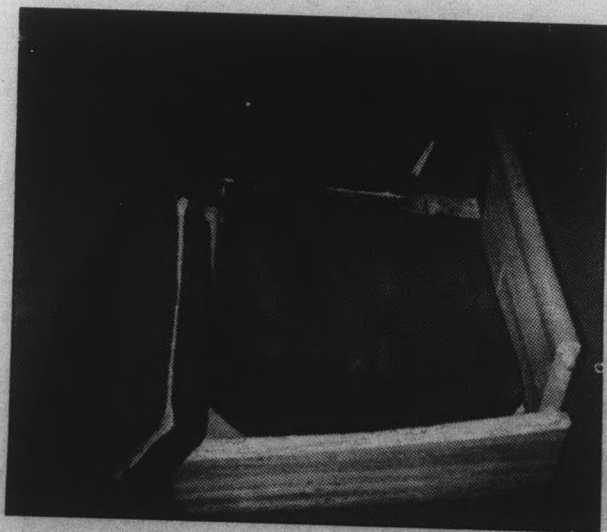
A used syringe was found in a storage room of Seeley Hall

at home. At least we would assume that whoever it is who exchanges the function of the toilet with the function of the shower would not be taking his/her business to the shower at home.

As we become desensitized to these atrocious conditions, many of us seem to perpetuate it at some level. We wonder do the graduates find it hard to conform to "normal standards" again after life in dorms?

The fact that bathrooms are not cleaned as well and as often as we would like to seem to escalate the problem. Who is responsible for this situation, and who should be held accountable? The custodians can only do so much. How much should they do for it to be acceptable to us as residents?

For many, living in the dorms is the first move away from home, and the filth, a part of which we seem to have become, to overwhelm whatever standards of hygiene and living we have. Keep the dorms clean and hygienic. We'll handle keeping ourselves clean better then.



Many of the couches in dormitories are still waiting to be fixed

Wish your friends a  
**Merry Christmas**  
this year with a Personal Ad in *The Scribe*

Call 576-4382 to reserve your space today

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Ads will be placed in the December 9 edition

Deadline: Sunday, December 5

## Student liability for damages to common areas of residence halls: You be the judge

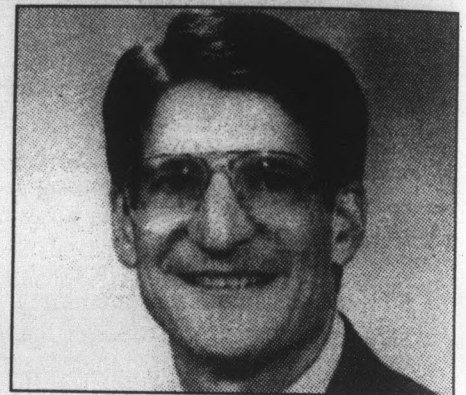
Professor William Greenspan

THE ISSUE: During the past few years, many students, including one representative from The Scribe, have asked me to comment on the legality of holding students liable for damages in common areas of residence halls. "Why should I pay for damages done in the lounge on my floor," one student complained, "when two guys come back drunk from a party and throw a sofa from the lounge out of a window?" Therefore the issue is: Can a university legally hold a student liable for damages to a common area of a residence hall, particularly when the student was in no way responsible for the damage?

JUST THE FACTS: The University of Bridgeport Residence Hall Community Contract states in the tenth of eighteen provisions on the reverse side in tiny print: "Damage. It shall be the responsibility of the student to pay the University for damage done to his/her room, damage to University-owned contents of the room, and (on a pro-rata basis) damage to common areas of the residence hall..." Every student must sign this contract as a precondition of living in a residence hall. Everybody has it. I have examined Residence Hall Contracts from a variety of colleges and universities. Virtually every school has a similar provision. One provision from another institution reads: "Students are held responsible for general hall damage or vandalism and asked to identify the person(s) accountable. Common area damages are charged to all individuals living in a particular residential life area when the person(s) responsible cannot be identified at the end of the academic year." One rationale for this provision is to teach students to be responsible, involved citizens: "Damage and vandalism are costly and we would like to enlist your aid in their prevention."

### ARGUMENTS FOR LEGALITY.

In a hypothetical case between a student and a university in Connecticut to test the legality of "student common-area liability," two arguments the university could make in favor of legality of the provision are: First, this is a standard clause in virtually all university dorm contracts and, to the best of our knowledge, no court has ever declared the provision to be illegal. Second, the Connecticut General Statutes, Landlord and Tenant, clearly states: "A landlord



and a tenant may include in a rental agreement terms and conditions not prohibited by law ... governing the rights and obligations of the parties." [47a-3]. In addition, "A landlord, from time to time, may adopt a rule or regulation, however described, concerning the tenant's use and occupancy of the premises..." [47a-9]. Such rule is enforceable if "the purpose of the rule is to promote the convenience, safety or welfare of the tenants in the premises, preserve the landlord's property from abusive use, or make a fair distribution of services and facilities held out for all tenants generally..." [47a-9].

ARGUMENTS FOR ILLEGALITY. A student claiming the provision is illegal may claim: First, the Connecticut General Statutes, Landlord and Tenant, declares that it is the landlord's responsibility to "keep all common areas of the premises in a clean and safe condition..." [47a-7]. Further, the landlord may not exculpate or release itself from "any liability of the landlord arising under law..." [47a-4]. Second, the clause is illegal and void because it is unconscionable. The student is not given reasonable "notice of the rule at the time he enters into the rental agreement" [47a-9] because of the tiny print on the reverse side of the contract; in addition it is an illegal contract of adhesion because the university is in a superior bargaining position on a "take it or leave it" basis, imposing a term that is harsh and oppressive.

CONCLUSION. To date I am not aware of any court case deciding the issue of "student common-area liability." Until this issue is tested in court, students must agree to pay common-area, pro-rated damages as a precondition to living in a dorm unless the person(s) responsible can be identified. If the issue is tested in court, each party has persuasive arguments. Until then, YOU BE THE JUDGE.



## Letter to the Editor

*UB World Cup rolls around*

I read your coverage of the UB World Cup in the latest issue of The Scribe, and I think you messed it up real bad. That was a rather sorry piece you wrote there, Kyohei Mizoguchi. It is very obvious that The Scribe had no reporter covering the event, and if there was one, she/he was certainly not paying any attention, whatsoever, to the goings-on on the pitch.

I think you took a lot of credit away from the champions, Team Africa. I'll start with your analysis of the second semi-final match. What was all that stuff about Magnus and Johan all about? Hey, "Had they played for Bulgaria, the outcome may have been different." Do you people have an editor at all? Why would you make excuses for a losing team? Did it occur to anyone of you that Magnus is a coach with the University of Bridgeport? I think your insinuations constitute an insult to the Bulgarian team, who played very competitively. Boyan, scorer of Bulgaria's only goal got injured and had to sit out for sometime during the game, but your reporter obviously missed that.

You didn't do much better with the final game, either. "Africa had a surprisingly good team." Where on earth did that come from? What did you expect from them? Come on, they beat the Defending Champions to get to that stage. Whatever happened to objective

reporting? What kind of crappy journalism are you promoting? And, to think you missed the highest point of the game is just unimaginable. Do you know that Japan led 1-0 until the very last minute of the game, when Africa scored the equalizing goal? It is very surprising that you made no mention of the scorer of that crucial goal, or of the African goalkeeper who stopped two penalty kicks to decide the game.

Your article infuriated Team Africa, and that is the whole point of this piece. I'm positive you will be receiving more responses like this to your sub-standard article. You've got to be more objective in your reporting. I don't care who it was you expected to win, and I don't care much about you being surprised, either. You should never attempt to take anything away from the winning team. I played on that team, and I still have six painful bruises on my left leg to show for my efforts. We worked hard to win that tournament—obviously harder than any other team—and that was why we won. I would rather you people had not written anything about the event, and I think your piece was an insult to all the participants in the tournament. I feel slighted by your reckless comments, and I'm mad as can be about the whole article.

Akinbowale Adekeye  
Public Relations Officer,  
African Club

*Ed: If you took offense, we do apologize as that was not our intent. This story regards both this year as well as last year's World Cup and the relation between the African team and the Bulgarian team, as they beat you last year 4-0. As for the writer, Kyohei attended the games and was present for the final. He drew on his knowledge of the game to report. I appreciate your comments and should you ever find that you have spare time on your hands, I would like to have you write for us as you have exhibited your writing and analytical skills well. Our number is X4382*

## Core curriculum receives much needed attention

Everybody hates the core classes, and there are very few things that UB students would like more than to skip out of these classes. As a result, we have been whining for years, even though we knew that nobody really cared about what students wanted. Or so we thought.

Believe it or not, there turns out to be a few people who were listening to your distress. Fortunately, some of these people are sitting on the university Core Commission. This group is more or less entrusted with the responsibility of determining an appropriate core curriculum. Until the end of this semester, Professor Hans van der Geissan is the chairperson of the, and is actually the person responsible for deciding on that list of classes that students can take instead of the dreaded core courses.

In recent years, this list has come out every semester sometime during registration, and could never be counted on to be consistent each term. This has been a very irritating system, and I am sure that we could easily complain about the disorganization. But remember, these are the people who decide whether you really have to take the second part of Social Science or not, so let's be positive about their

work. Besides, it appears as if somebody is actually doing something to better the situation. Hopefully by this time next semester, a permanent set of replacement classes will be decided upon, so that we don't have to worry about which courses will count as substitutes by the time we graduate.

One of the driving forces behind the change to a more reliable set of core replacements is Professor Stephan Healey. Beginning next semester, Prof. Healey will take over as chairperson of the Core Commission. He seems to be in support of the modifications, and will hopefully be able to get them through, much to the benefit of UB students.

Prof. Healey has many other ideas that will probably improve the quality of the program. Some changes have already begun. For example, many students have by now registered for a new Humanities class, to be team taught by a few of the most well-liked professors on campus, including Prof. Healey himself. As strange as it may sound, students may actually start looking forward to taking some core requirements if improvements like this continue.

*Scribe Meeting tonight!*

*8:30pm*

*Student Center, Rm 228*

*All are welcome*

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## On The Spot

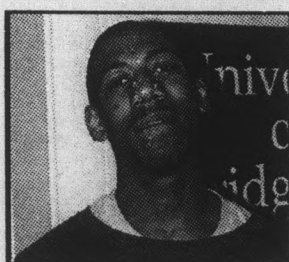
*What do you think of the living conditions in the dorms?*



"Many things can be improved in the dorms. We have to have a

microwave on each floor and we don't have air conditioning in the summer."

Atanas Malinov



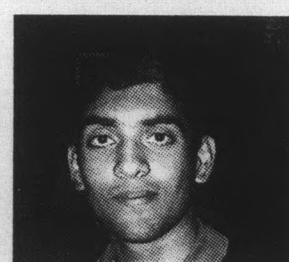
"In my opinion ... They suck"

Isiah Robinson



"I don't think too much about it. I just exist in the dorm."

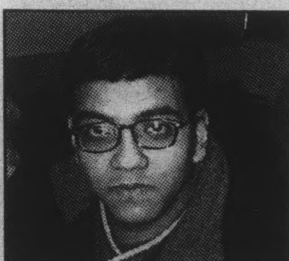
Jishnu Guhathallur



"There have been some improvements from last semester but still

there is a lot more work to be done especially in the area of pool tables and ping-pong."

Naryan Thirupathi



"I think a lot is left desired. The kitchen is still closed. The only thing is a

single microwave."

Nishant Bhalla



"Conditions are good, just it will be great if more attention is put upon

the everyday life of the students - some events, which need the participation of the people living in the dorm."

Svetlomit Alexiev



"Actually I have never lived in a dorm, so no matter how bad residents complain about the

dorms, I want to live there once, if the rent is cheap."

Kenichi Ebina



"Bodine is OK, but there is lots to be done in Barnum and Seeley, especially getting

cable on the floors and also ethernet connections."

Rohit Tyagi

*To Inform, Persuade and Entertain*



## Campus Events

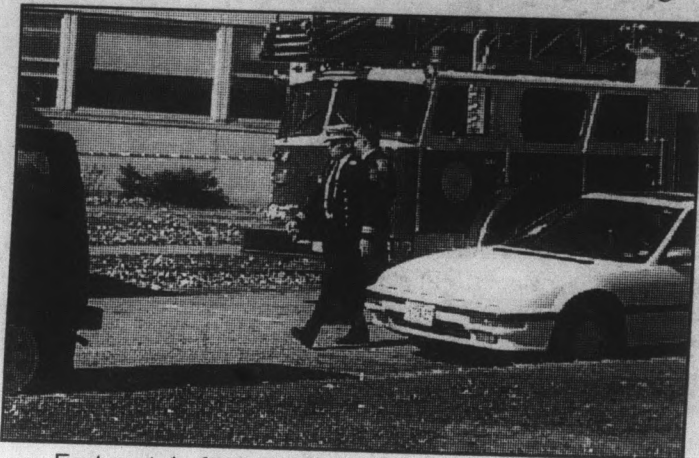
## Chemical spill explained

A recent game of hot-potato between two Buildings and Grounds personnel turned ugly in Barnum Hall this past Tuesday. One Buildings and Grounds employee was quoted as saying, "How could we have known the canister marked 'bad' was dangerous?" The two were apparently tossing the canister back and forth in front of Barnum Hall to Professor Geist's rendition of the school's alma mater.

Prof. Geist had no idea what the two were doing with the canister. He could not be quoted because he was holding a high note but he apparently had no hand in the game with the "bad" chemicals.

The two unnamed employees were moving the unknown "bad" chemical from the basement of Breul Hall under the instructions of the voices in their heads. The spill sent three people to the hospital after inhalation of the fumes. Dr. Burton attributed the injuries received to the victim's improper "wafting" of the substance.

Security evacuated the residence hall and notified Bridgeport Fire Department. The area was soon closed off to students by a barrier of guards yelling, "Hey, you can't come here! Bad Chemicals! Bad! Stay back!"



Fortunately for UB students, the Bridgeport Fire Marshall is an expert on "bad" chemicals

When asked why the building was off limits, Officer Brown responded by throwing his arms up to imitate an explosion, saying that "it could go phooshhh at any time." From this, it

was understood that further investigation was necessary.

A special team of scientists was brought in to identify the unknown "bad" chemical. After many hours of testing, the chemical was found to be chloroform, a substance used in subduing individuals for brain washing.

Further study indicated a link between this chemical and several other sources on campus, including the water in the Wheeler pool, the ice cream in Marina, and the chemical used to hideously dye the outside of Wheeler. No leads are available yet, but sources indicate that the chemicals were owned by the Unification Church.

This comes after the Buildings and Grounds employees released from the hospital just hours later had "a newfound respect for the Unificationists" and were considering joining the church. Reverend Moon had no comment on these allegations. Neither had the Pope.

## Baby O. to hit the scene

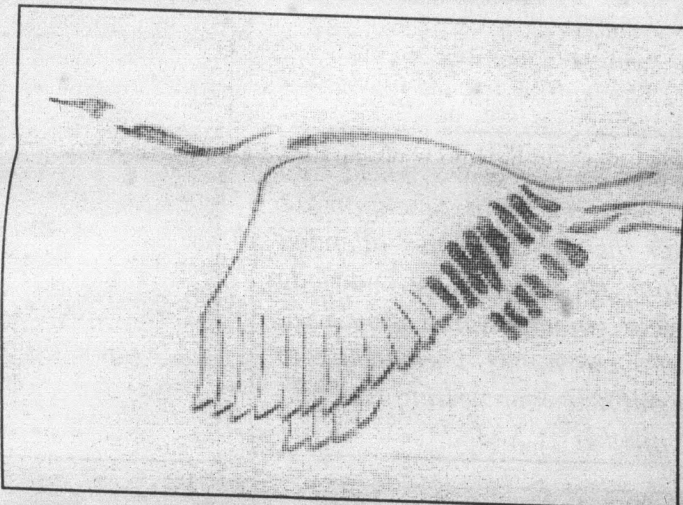
The rumor mill at the University has been grinding harder than usual, and the latest gist has been an outrageous rumor. What is it you ask? Well, I won't bother you with the details about the fact that there will soon be a new Baby O. If you want the details, please call Prof. Autori (of handlebar moustache and Mr. Clean haircut) to ask about the Birds and the Bees.

Apparently, after the last Cruise to Nowhere, the Director of Residential Life, who shall remain unnamed for security reasons, asked out the woman who organizes carnivals for Orientation week. This was done under the influence of 5 Virgin Mary's and 3 Sex-on-the-Beaches.

The result: The executive board had to review the case at a top secret meeting at Dean Merritt's home where duckling was served.

The announcement about the appearance of a newly improved Baby O. came as a shock as the first Baby O. (a.k.a. Aaliya) is still in the test stages and is rarely seen off the great David O's shoulders.

What effect will this have on the student body? Well, that remains to be seen, as a Director of Student Programming will be doing the pregnant duck waddle at future events.



The Scribe would like to offer their congratulations to David and Edina O. on the event of creating another Baby O. Good Job!

## New paint, and Wheeler is still ugly

Just when you thought this school could not get any uglier, our friends in the Committee for Making Brilliant Decisions has gotten us back on the edge of our seats. In an attempt to make the outside of Wheeler Recreation Center match the interior in ugliness, the committee decided it would be necessary the paint the outer walls the ugliest shade of greenish-vomit.

What concerns me most is not why anybody decided to paint a building this hideous color, as one gets used to seeing this sort of thing at UB. What gets me is that some company actually decided to make a paint this color. Seriously, were they really expecting anybody (aside from the Committee for Making Brilliant Decisions) to buy it? Didn't they take media aesthetics

somewhere along the line?

Having poked fun at what I see as an obviously gross color, I should point out that I am no authority on beauty. Actually, it seems that there may be a few people who have a strong preference for the change, and find it in some way appealing.

Prof. Kaz McCue argued that the new tone enhances the beauty of structure, and should be considered a work of art. However, when asked what he meant by the word "art," Prof. McCue could only reply "uh... paintings and stuff." He could not explain further how Wheeler fit this definition.

In a final attempt to determine whether or not the vomit-colored building could fit any definition of attractive, I went to a person whom many see as the final authority on fashion

and contrast of colors – Professor van der Kroef. When asked about the dilemma, Prof. van der Kroef angrily retorted that "if it doesn't have to do with Pokemon, then I don't care."

Finally it is clear – the Committee for Making Brilliant Decisions did not intentionally pick the ugliest color they could find – they are just human, and have no idea what they are doing when it comes to recognizing beauty. So have sympathy: the next time you look at Wheeler, do not get mad at people for painting it the same color as your Marina dinner did when it came up last night.

Just laugh, and think of the guys who were sitting around a table trying to find a color from a catalog whose 583 shades all look alike.

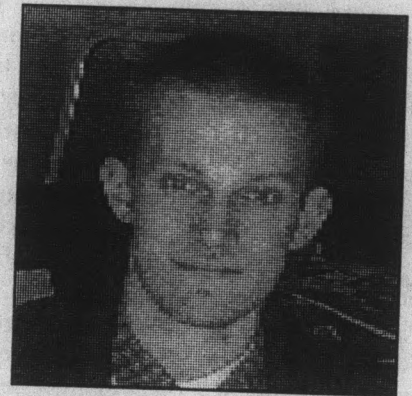
## Scribble Poll:

Would you go swimming in the pool?



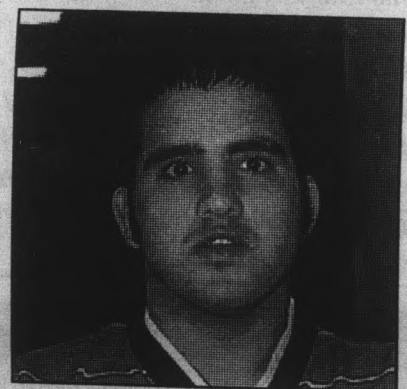
"Of course!"

Andrea



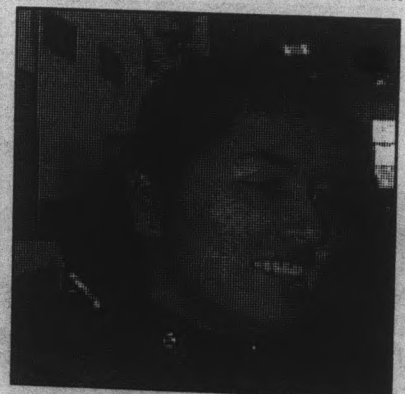
"No way, I'd rather swim in Abdul Smith's personal bathtub."

Eric



"No, no way. I would feel insecure."

Adalino



"No, I wouldn't even go close to the pool."

Lakshini

Disclaimer: Do not take offense at this please. We have had no sleep and our home has been closed due to chemical leakage. The laundry is still in the machine, and our cat died. Plus we need to eat.



# INFERNO

**by Jack Ndombi**  
The Latin American Club, who hosted UB's Halloween Party, knew just the right ingredients to make the party jumping. The student center was packed with all sorts of creatures and people, from a cowboy, gypsies, hippies, and an old man and death.

The party started at 9pm and ended at 2am. It was advertised to end an hour earlier, so we got an extra hour we did not expect. The entrance was repeat of last year and was decorated as an entrance to a cave and had false webs, giving one a feeling that they were not entering the social room. A few lucky people got glow in the dark bracelets to wear in the party, but many of them had other uses for the bracelets. There were no quarrels with the music as the DJ tried to mix the music to suit everyone in the crowd. To top off the music, the smoke and the light effects were fantastic, and gave people the feeling of being in a club.

The party was well attended by members of the University of Bridgeport, but one could not help notice there weren't that many outsiders.

All in all, the Latin American club did a very good job with Inferno.



The Black Student Association hosted a free halloween bash



## The Moving Picture: *Fight club*

**by Jack Ndombi**  
Starring Edward Norton, Brad Pitt, Helena Bonham Carter and Meat loaf

Director: David Fincher (Seven)

There are only 8 simple rules. The first rule: "You do not talk about fight club." The second: "You DO NOT talk about fight club." Any questions so far?

Fight Club is the kind of movie that chews you up, spits you out, and leaves your senses jaded and disorientated with exhilaration, but you just love it.

Edward Norton stars as a bored office worker with no name, other than the Narrator. An insomniac who lives by himself in an apartment filled to bursting with consumer furniture and appliances, he starts to spend his evenings going to self-help groups for everything from testicular cancer to tuberculosis because he finds becoming a person other than him-

self each night adds comfort to his life. As he attends them more and more, he discovers that someone else has been doing the same thing as him. Her name is Marla Singer (Helena Bonham Carter), a darkly dressed, hilariously extreme chain-smoker. After the Narrator confronts her, both decide to work out a schedule so that they do not go to the same meetings. On a plane back home after a business trip, the Narrator meets Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt), an "oh-so-cool," confident, possibly dangerous, thirty-something who is not afraid of anything or anyone. When his apartment ends up being destroyed in a fire, the Narrator shacks up with Tyler at his grimy pad, and they immediately form a sort of secret organization called Fight Club. The club consists of a group of people who meet at night and beat each other to a bloody pulp, in response to the dissatisfaction of their pathetic, working-class lives. The club surprisingly grows larger and larger with each night.

## 70's party shaggadelic

**by John E. Musser**

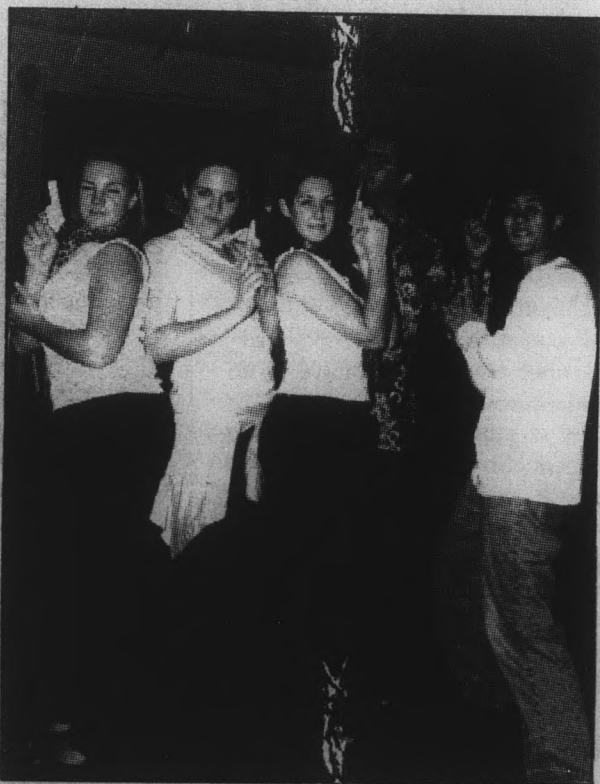
By the end of the night, about 150 people came to the party, so the donation is expected to be around \$150.

There seem to be many reasons why students did not show up for this party in the numbers that usually are present for free events.

Some students say that they did not know about the party, as advertising started late, while others have grown weary of the parties that they attend every weekend.

It also seems likely that people did not show up because they did not like 70's music, and those who did come left early because there really was not much 70's music being played.

For the people who did attend, however, the party seemed to be successful. The atmosphere of the Commuter Lounge was a welcomed change to the standard location of the Social Room.



Austin Powers and his band of Charlie's Angels contributed to UNICEF by their presence

Contributing to a string of party-filled weekends at UB, the Rotaract Club sponsored a mildly successful 70's party last Saturday, November 13.

The event was held as a charity function to support UNICEF, a fund that assists children in need of economic resources.

There was no charge for students to attend the event, as the Student Congress funded the entire party, including the donation. Originally, the Rotaract club planned on charging students to cover the donation.

In an effort to get more students to attend, the Congress offered \$1 for every person who attended.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, November 18**

Annual UB Turkey Trot

2.7 mile run/fun walk

Register with two canned goods

**Thursday, November 18**

The African and Himalayan Clubs Present

"Jungle Night"

@ the Student Center

From 9 pm to 2am

Drees code tight

**Saturday November 20th**

Trip to Boston

Bus leaves UB @ 9am returns at 10pm

Cost ONLY \$15

**Monday November 22nd**

ROCK & BOWL

8to 11pm

@ the student centre

Gate fee FREE

**Thursday November 25th**

THANKSGIVING DAY

**Friday November 26th**

Day after thanksgiving Spaghetti dinner

Bodine 1st floor

\$2 please sign up

*If you are interested in writing entertainment news, please contact The Scribe X4382*



## Classifieds

From Dorms, page 1

on the Residence halls started since the beginning of the semester. The services that we have been provided in the halls have been decreasing on the whole," said Mr. Gonzalez.

Student Congress allocated funds about a month and a half ago for this investigative report and this included funds for pictures depicting the problems and conditions said Student Congress President Lucas McCloud. Mr. McCloud presented the report to Dean of Students Janet Merritt, Dean of Enrollment Management Jocelyn Poisson, Director of Facilities Management Paul Engemann, and Interim Chief Financial Officer Robert Mooney.

"We took pictures of ceiling tiles that were broken in the recreational lounge in Barnum Hall" said Mr. McCloud. He apparently was looking for a response about "when these things were going to be attended to, when they were going to be resolved."

The only response that was given was from Paul Engemann who answered things that he is responsible for. According to a memo that was sent from Mr. Engemann on Thursday, November 4, the screens "that were purchased for Barnum Hall are scheduled for installation during the winter intercession." He also cautioned that though they would try to accomplish the tasks in a "timely fashion, ...there will be times when this is not realistically possible."

Mr. Engemann explained about the air extractor that caused the kitchen to be closed for a period of time after a fire alarm. "A replacement exhaust unit has been replaced and, subject to timely delivery, should be installed within the next two weeks."

As for Seeley Hall, Mr. Engemann also discussed the "under-maintenance of the building," and said, "At this time, funding simply does not allow for an increase in the housekeeping or maintenance staff." He plans to explore the possibilities of increasing the efficiency of the staff.

One of the major concerns that the RHA president Alejandro Gonzalez has had for the past two years has been the lack of a proper PAD Security system in Seeley Hall. While there is a

system in place, should someone press his/her beeper, Security cannot pinpoint the location as well as if it had been Barnum or Bodine Hall.

While the company who installs the system were here on campus to connect Warner hall, Mr. Oestreicher told The Scribe that "they agreed to reconnect Seeley Hall for about a tenth of the price. However, the University did not have the funds at the time." Installation in Seeley is now back to the original price that Mr. Oestreicher estimates to be between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

At the last Board of trustees meeting on Friday, November 5, Mr. McCloud presented the report and he said, "What is important to us is that it doesn't happen again, things that were documented and that we were talking about." He said, "the other concern was that some kind of procedure be set up so that this doesn't happen again, and this is of particular importance to the Board."

Mr. McCloud is still to meet with Mr. Mooney to discuss these procedures.

Mr. Gonzalez said that the RHA realized that "Services such as the very basics that we are supposed to be bound by contract have not been provided." He gave the example, "maintenance has not been going around all the showers and all the bathrooms because they were underemployed. There was only one person here in Bodine cleaning the showers for the entire eight floors." Apparently one custodian had retired at the beginning of the school year and had not been replaced.

Mr. Oestreicher just mentioned that Jocelyn Poisson had informed him, "I was going to get \$30,000 for Warner Hall and \$20,000 for each of the other dorms to buy new furniture. I had asked for \$45,000." However, he cannot use it for three months.

There is another report the Student Congress is compiling which apparently has to do with residential life. The report is to be presented at the Joint Session on Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

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three things right and then he'll pursue them."

Dr. Novella believes that the client manipulates the reading to make it seem true, and moreover, the client is not aware that he/she is doing it. And that is how he believes the psychic industry survives.

The speaker firmly believes in the three forces of nature: gravity, electromagnetic, and strong nuclear forces. He believes that given the control experiments that have been conducted, none of these forces prove the existence of ESP. He said, "Therefore we must invent a new force of nature or principle to explain ESP."

The question and answer session spurred a lot of questions that Dr. Novella answered using scientific methods. It seems that until the existence of ESP can be proved empirically, this skeptic will not accept any other explanation for this phenomenon.

From Core, page 5

course.

Another important question that arises with the consideration of substitution of core classes is whether or not students will be allowed to substitute classes with those that are already required for their major. For example, would a Social Science major be allowed to substitute Social Science 202 with Psychology 103, when Psychology 103 is required at any rate? Professor van der Geissen admits that this is possible and has been done in the past, but whether this will be made standard policy may be a different story.

It should be noted, however, that such a policy is already used in the sciences. That is, Biology majors are not required to take core science classes because lab science classes can be used as substitutes.

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From President, page 3

The Board of Trustees, 60% of whom have been nominated by PWPA, do have a direct impact on selecting the President. As a matter of fact, the University of Bridgeport Bylaws, December 11, 1998 states "A President of the University shall be chosen and elected by the Board of Trustees and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board...and shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the University, and ex-officio member of all committees." Undoubtedly, anyone being considered for the post of president would have to possess a number of versatile skills and tremendous experience in administration and management, not to mention be an outstanding member of society. The president is also going to be the CEO. He/she should have strong financial/managerial/planning skills and technological knowledge. Other expectations include focusing on "total quality management" to obtain more undergraduates and residential students while at the same time improving the retention rate. The most recent statistic shows a 71% freshman retention rate (1998). Another retention statistic is the 5-year graduation rate, which

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# Diwali night of prayers, food, and light



Students from all over joined to celebrate this Hindu festival

It was followed by a slide show that not only highlighted the natural beauty, but also the cultural diversity of India. Both the slide show and the posters provided the guests with a cultural tour of India.

The long lines in front of the food bar, which was filled with traditional Indian food, spoke for the quality of the supper. Some people decided to sit down and enjoy the food

while others got groovy on the dance floor. The music alternated between Western and Indian music.

Bhavesh Shah, a graduate student, said, "The party was really well

organized. We enjoyed ourselves. I was glad to see students from different countries mingling together and enjoying themselves."

The President of The Indian Student Association, Avishek Agarwal, said that the party was successful thanks to the efforts of the students who worked on it and the students who turned up to be a part of it.

The party went on to 2:00 AM, with most students enjoying themselves. Judging by the turnout and the positive response from students, the party was a success.

Cultural events such as the

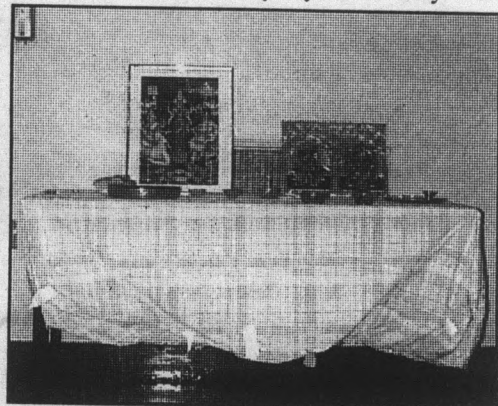


Students danced to a mix of Indian pop music and Western dance

**T**he Indian Student Association organized the annual Diwali Night on November 5. The event was a success, with about 300 guests turning up. Many of the guests had on traditional Indian outfits.

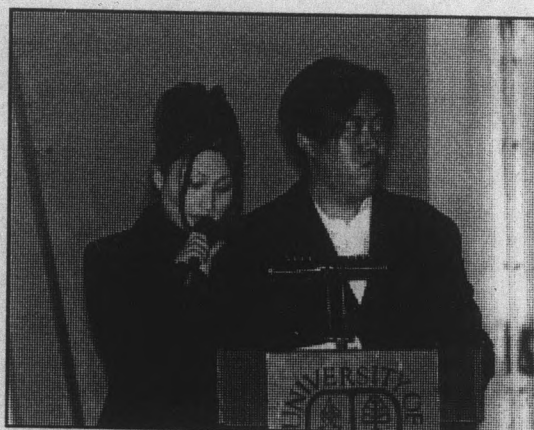
The event was held in the social room at the John J. Cox Student Center. It was specially decorated with a cutout of the Taj Mahal, one of the wonders of the world built to celebrate love. There were also pictures of Indian deities and monuments.

The evening began with a prayer service, followed by a ritual of lighting lamps. This lighting of lamps is symbolic of the meaning of Diwali, the festival of lights.

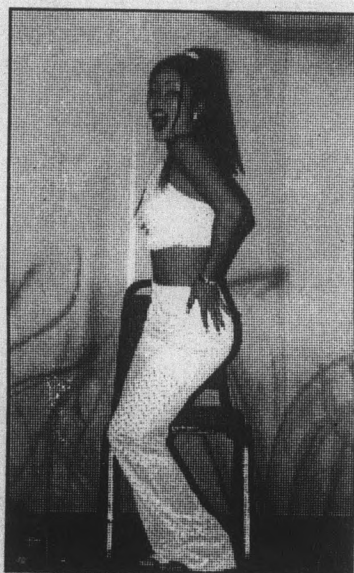


The Hindu goddess Laxmi plays a pivotal role in the festivities

## Korean night at UB



Korean night was a combination of cultural shows with traditional Korean cuisine



The talent show included a session from Broadway



The night gave the Korean community a chance to showcase their talents

## AIDS

**O**n Tuesday, November 16, the Stop AIDS Mobile Theatre gave a presentation on the prevention of AIDS. The presentation took place at 7:00 PM in the social room of the Cox Student Center. The Theatre is a travelling performing group who gives excellent dramatic presentations that entertain, as well as educate. The company is supported by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and the National Endowment for the Arts, and is dedicated to presenting the public with useful information about the spread of the HIV virus. Through skits and fictional situations, the group presents an accu-

rate portrayal of how the disease affects the lives of those whom it touches.

The performers, Dan Kelly and Maggie Skobel, have been performing together on this undertaking for almost seven years. The show has constantly been evolving as new facts develop. The group performs for audiences that range from a public school fourth grade class to the inmates of a federal prison. Ms. Skobel, an ex-teacher, said that she joined the group because she missed the theatre. Mr. Kelly said, "This gives me a chance to do theatre, make people laugh, and teach people something that may even save their lives. Who could ask for anything more?"

## UB students untrustworthy?

**I**n early October, Byoung Geon Kim, a freshman from Korea, made a mistake that almost ended up costing him a lot of money. While traveling on the city bus number Eight he lost his wallet, which contained ID's, credit cards, and cash. The wallet also held his Student Telephone Services card with the pin number. When Mr. Kim realized that it was missing, he returned to the bus, but the wallet was never found.

Mr. Kim went through all of the usual steps that one undergoes after losing a wallet. He cancelled his credit cards, replaced his ID's, and got a new STS pin number. What he forgot to do, however, was cancel his old telephone pin number. The pin is only useful when used from a campus telephone, and since Mr. Kim lost the wallet in the general city area, he had not felt that canceling the STS pin was important. He changed his mind when he received his next telephone bill.

Mr. Kim was shocked when, over the course of his next two phone bills, he was charged for over one hundred and sixty dollars worth of phone calls to India, most of which came from the same number. Apparently, a fellow UB student may have got hold of his pin number, as the calls originated from a UB dorm room. Mr. Kim's pin number was used to make extended inter-

national calls.

When the first bill came, with about thirty-five dollars' charged on it, Mr. Kim thought that there was a mistake. He thought that there had been a glitch in the computer, or someone had memorized his or her pin number incorrectly, and was accidentally using his. When the following bill was one-hundred-and-twenty-five dollars, though, Mr. Kim knew that something was wrong. He said, "If it was a guy was using his own pin number, he wouldn't use his pin number so much."

Although Mr. Kim signed an affidavit which absolved him from all responsibility to pay for these calls, he was still upset about what happened. He had only been in this country four months, Mr. Kim said, and this was the first time anything like this had happened to him.

The incident was reported to Campus Security and David Oestreicher, the director of Residential Life. The alleged perpetrator has not been yet identified.

For now, there is just one piece of advice here for the rest of the Student Body. If you lose your wallet, do not just worry about your credit cards. Cancel everything. You never know who will find it.



## Fall season notes

**Volleyball:** Junior Valerie Steen ranked third overall in the New England Collegiate Conference in hits with 3.51 kills per game and second in serving with 0.61 aces per game. Steen, a candidate for All-NECC honors, ranks thirteenth in nation (Division II) in serving. The Purple Knights ended the season ranked second in the nation (Division II) in serves with an average of 2.81 team aces per game. Senior Emily Onyango and junior Julie Jarvis rank fourth and fifth respectively in the NECC in serving. Seniors Emily Onyango and Amy Person played their final collegiate games in last Saturday's loss to UMass Lowell in the

league tournament.

**Men's Soccer:** Goalkeeper Adam Dodge ranks eighteenth in the nation (Division II) in saves per game with 6.08. Freshman Johan Nilerud ranks ninth in the NECC in scoring with an average of 1.26 points per game and eighth in goals with 0.53 per game. Seniors Simon Kay, Alex Pino, and Freddy Duque played their final collegiate games in their November 6 loss to UMass Lowell.

**Women's Soccer:** Sophomore goalkeeper Courtney Hibbard has a NECC high 131 saves on the season. Senior Jaclyn Platt played her final collegiate game in their November 6 loss to UMass Lowell.

## Volleyball season winds down

**W**ith a two-game winning streak in hand, our Lady Knights traveled down to Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU) for their Halloween Classic. Our first match was against the host team, SCSU. Our two previous meetings with them on the season resulted in four set wins for SCSU each time. In the first set SCSU got out to an early lead at 0-7 and never looked back, winning the set 7-15. Determined not to fall two sets down our ladies came out firing in the second set and got out to a 10-1 lead. We won the set at 5. The third set started out the way of the first and we found ourselves down 0-5. We however fought back to tie it the set up at 5. We then dropped the next 7 points to find ourselves down only to fight back to tie it up once again this time at 12. We, however, lost the set at 12. Lady Knights took control of the fourth set early and won it comfortably at 8. For the third time during this season, we found ourselves in a fifth and decisive set. We quickly found ourselves down, 1-8. However, the Lady Knights found a way to fight back from this deficit. Once we settled into the game, we played near-flawless volleyball. The Knights had fought back to win the set and match, 15-12, in what has to have been the most dramatic and emotional game of the season.

Less than an hour later, we faced St. Michael's College. The first set was a methodical 15-1 win for our ladies. We trailed briefly in the second set, 8-10 but Jamie Sinal served us out of danger to 14-10. We won the set at 10. Lady Knights never trailed in the third set and won it, 15-5. With that victory we completed a 2-0 sweep on the night and won our group in the tournament.

The following Saturday, we once again traveled down to SCSU to play our semi-final matches in the tournament. Our first match was against LeMoyne College.

## Men's Soccer ends

**O**n October 28, UB Men's soccer team faced against Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), which is regarded as one of the strongest opponents in our division. Southern Connecticut attacked and broke through the Purple Knights defense. SCSU used long and short passes effectively to dissect our defense. UB went into half-time trailing 0-1. In the beginning of the second half, Southern Connecticut scored its second goal, as #28, a tall, speedy and physically strong player dived at a ball coming from the right side. SCSU flank attack caused severe difficulties for the UB defense. Even when UB got the ball and attacked, defenders stripped the UB players of the ball. When Southern Connecticut got the ball, its strategy was clear. The team attacked from the sides frequently. The mid-fielders controlled the ball and waited to pass the ball to players

on the flank. Although UB played hard and tried to score in the game, the Purple Knights lost, 0-3.

Those who braved the cold, wind and rain on November 3 during the last game of men's soccer were treated to one of the more exciting games of the season. In first half, UB lacked concentration and failed to control of the game. In the second half, however, Purple Knights played with concentration. They carried the ball as they wanted and seemed to have taken control over the game. Even though it dominated, UB however could not score or create a big scoring opportunity. Finally, the game went into overtime. With the sun was setting and the players on a dim field, eight minutes into the extra period Simon Kay passed the ball to Steindor Gislason who took a shot from thirty yards out to give the UB team a victory in its final home game. The outcome: UB-SCSU 1-0.

## Basketball season starts

**T**he men's Basketball team are 0-1 in pre-season after losing to Southampton on Nov 7. The UB ladies are 1-0 in pre-season action defeating Norwalk Community Technical College on Nov 10.

This weekend the season kicks off with the Purple Knight Classic. The action starts at 1:00 Saturday with Teikyo Post facing off against Felician College in a ladies match. At 3:00 the Teikyo men will play Virginia Union University. At 6:00 our Lady Knights will face the New York Institute of Technology. At 8:00 our men will match up against the NYIT.

On Sunday at 1:00 The Felician ladies will play NYIT. At 3:00 Teikyo will play NYIT in a men's game. At 6:00 UB ladies will play Teikyo Post and the final game of the weekend will have our men facing off against Virginia Union College at 8:00.

## Scoreboard

### Women's soccer

Date (Overall)	Opponent	Result
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10/30 (0-14)	Queens College	L, 1-2
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11/6 (0-15)	@UMass Lowell	L, 1-7
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### Men's Soccer

Date (Overall)	Opponent	Result
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10/27 (6-9-1)	SCC	L, 0-3
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11/3 (7-9-1)	Mercy College	W, 1-0 (OT)
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11/6 (7-10-1)	@UMass Lowell	L, 0-4
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### Women's Volleyball

Date (Overall)	Opponent	Result
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10/29 (5-17)	@SCSU	W, 3-2
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10/29 (6-17)	@St. Michael's	W, 3-0
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10/30 (6-18)	@LeMoyne	L, 0-3
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10/30 (6-19)	@SCSU	L, 1-3
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11/3 (6-20)	@Adelphi University	L, 0-3
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11/9 (6-21)	American International University	L, 0-3
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11/12	@Binghamton University	L, 0-3*
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11/12	@Franklin Pierce College	W, 3-1*
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11/13	@UMass Lowell	L, 0-3*
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\*League tournament games do not count towards overall record.

## Fall Season Statistics

### MEN'S SOCCER STATS.

Overall: 7-10-1

Home: 5-3-0

Away: 2-7-1

NECC: 1-7-0

### GOALS SCORED

UB Total: 27

Opponents: 29

### GOAL PER GAM

UB Total: 1.61

Opponents: 1.50

### SAVES MADE

UB Total: 109

Opponents: 96

\*Courtney Hibbard NECC High 131

### VOLLEYBALL STATS (totals) (Ave. per game)

Kills: 875 8.2

Assists: 706 6.6

Aces: 298 2.8^

Blocks: 153 1.4

Digs: 941 8.8

^Second in Div. II in the nation.